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Wrong Dept.**

IN a story on the trial of one accused slayer of Mrs. Mary Pinchot Meyer as she walked along the C & O canal in Georgetown last Oct. 12, you said: "Mrs. Meyer, a niece of conservationist Gifford Pinchot, who was Theodore Roosevelt's Interior Secretary . . ."

History will disclose that Gifford Pinchot was Chief, Division of Forestry, U.S. Department of Agriculture, from 1898 to 1910.

During his service with the Department of Agriculture, Gifford Pinchot filed charges against Interior Secretary Richard A. Ballinger alleging that he had abandoned certain conservation policies instituted by Theodore Roosevelt. President Taft, who upheld Secretary Ballinger, dismissed Pinchot in 1910 for insubordination. Public criticism of the Taft Administration as a result of the controversy contributed to Taft's defeat in 1912.

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